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1. FARIBORZ ATAPOUR, WELL-KNOWN IRANIAN NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST WHO WRITES FOR ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS HERE, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM HIS FIRST TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE UNDER THE AEGIS OF CU HE MET VARIETY OF AMERICAN OPINION MAKERS IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE. HE GOT DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT, IN ADDITION TO POTENTIAL TROUBLE FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND IRAN ON ISSUE OF ARMS SUPPLY, THERE IS GROWING CRITICISM OF WHAT APPEARS TO MANY AMERICANS TO BE IRAN'S CHANGING POSITION VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL.

2. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO KNOW THT WHEN I TALKED PRIVATELY WITH THE SHAH AFTER EARL BUTZ'S AUDIENCE ON NOVEMBER 16, THE SHAH MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE HAD EVERY INTENTION OF KEEPING A BALANCE BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS AND THE ARAB NATIONS AS HE HAS IN THE PAST. IN OTHER WORDS, HE BELIEVES TODAY AS HE HAS FOR SOME YEARS THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE PERSIA ALONE AND WITHOUT A SINGLE FRIEND IN A SEA OF ARABS.
THEREFORE UNOFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS AT ALL LEVELS WITH ISRAEL WILL BE CONTINUED. RECOGNIZE THAT IRANIAN BEHAVIOR ON
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THE ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS

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DISCONCERTING, BUT NO MORE SHOULD BE READ INTO IT THAN
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